

Good Afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School with announcements for the upcoming week. A copy of these announcements will be posted on our school website, emailed and texted to our school families, and e-mailed to the Athens Drive PTSA email group.

Please remember that next week is an important week at Athens Drive. Monday, October 30th, is the final day of the First Quarter. Tuesday, October 31st, is a Teacher Workday and there is no school for students. Friday, November 3rd, Report Cards will be given to students to take home.

Congratulations to our Women's Golf Team who came in Third Place in the State at the State Championships held this week! Our ladies represented us in an outstanding manner and played some incredible golf! Congratulations to Jennifer Chang, who finished First in the State and won her Fourth straight Individual State Golf Championship! She set a standard that has never been accomplished in Women's Golf, and can never be broken! Well done, ladies!

Tryouts for Winter sports will start this Monday, October 30th. You must be eligible to participate in athletics and have an up-to-date physical in order to tryout. If you have any questions, please contact the head coach of the sport you are interested in trying out for. Contact information for coaches can be found on the Athens Drive Athletics webpage (<http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs>).

Parents of Seniors, it is now time to purchase your Senior Recognition Ads and for your Senior to submit their Senior Quote. Please see The Torch website (<https://athensdriveyearbook.weebly.com>) for details regarding Senior Recognition Ads and Senior Quotes. Senior Recognition Ads are due by Monday, October 30th and Senior Quotes are due by Friday, November 10th.

Our Fall Café 2017, highlighting our incredible choral students, is happening on Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium. Admission is free and it is a great opportunity to enjoy a great evening of entertaining music from our Choral students. All three choirs will be performing, as well as some fantastic solo and duet acts. Please come out and enjoy the performances!

Do you want help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form? The College Foundation of North Carolina, the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the State Employees' Credit Union are offering free programs to help you complete and submit this important form. Financial aid administrators will be available on FAFSA Day, tomorrow, Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to walk you through the FAFSA process. The following institutions will be hosting a FAFSA Day event on the campus: NC State University, Wake Technical Community College, and William Peace University. Please visit www.cfnc.org/fafsaday for additional information

Next Friday, November 3rd, we will be celebrating Senior night for the football team, cheerleaders, and the band. Tailgating will start at 5:30 p.m. and Ty's All Natural Food Truck will be here. If you haven't tried their waffle fried chicken, it's a must have! The Senior football players and cheerleaders will be recognized before the game and the Senior band members at the half. In addition to the Senior night festivities at halftime we will be honoring Jennifer Chang, the 4-time women's golf State Champion.

Our Band has started its annual Fruit/Nut Fundraiser. All orders are due by Monday, November 13th and all orders can be picked up from the Band Hallway the afternoon of Friday, December 8th. Please ask any Band student if you want to place an order. Thank you for your support of our award-winning band!

Please remember that Yearbooks are on sale now for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The Torch is a full-color yearbook production that covers all the events that take place at The Drive throughout the year. Please go the Yearbook website (<https://athensdriveyearbook.weebly.com>) for details and to purchase your yearbook.

Our other Fall sports are coming to a close with playoffs beginning soon. Please continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics webpage (<http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs>) for game times of our Fall sports as we move into the playoff and state championship season.

Those are all of the announcements for this week. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend! Go JAGS and please take care.